



# AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

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## Area 11 General Service Committee

### Upcoming Events:

#### Area 11 Events Spring Assembly (Hybrid)

**Sunday, May 19**

**11 AM – 3 PM**

**In-person location:**

**Pitkin Community Centre  
30 Greenfield Street  
Wethersfield CT 06109**

#### Soberfest

**June 7-9, 2024**

**Wilderness Lake  
Campground**

**150 Village Hill Road  
Willington, CT 06279**

#### Rompiendo Fronteras

**Saturday, July 27**

**9 AM – 3 PM**

**St. Francis of Assisi Church  
1755 Stanley Street  
New Britain CT 06053**

### “What’s New”

#### Section on AA.org

Several documents referenced in this report can be found on the “What’s New” section of aa.org. Regular updates on some of the happenings in A.A. as a whole come up here regularly. Visit the link <https://www.aa.org/news-and-announcements> or scan the QR code below



### General Service Conference Preparation is almost complete!

A huge thank you to all who attended and participated in the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 6! Hearing from the groups of Area 11 about their thoughts is so inspiring and guides my voice and vote as I participate in the General Service Conference. It is an essential part of our structure and in the preparation process for the Conference. To hear the love and enthusiasm for Alcoholics Anonymous shine through with each share at the microphone fills me with an even greater sense of purpose and responsibility as I serve Area 11 and the Fellowship.

Even as I continue to compile my notes and review background material, the General Service Conference has begun to hold some of our Ancillary meetings (which are the meetings normally held onsite the Saturday before the Conference) virtually to cut costs at the Conference this year. We have had several Delegate Only meetings, which are attended by the Area Delegates only. These promote a sense of camaraderie and allow the second-year delegates to pass along advice and words of wisdom to the first-year Delegates.

The Remote Communities meeting was held on Saturday, March 30. This meeting has been one of my favorite non-business sessions during my time as Delegate. It has broadened my definition of a “remote community” and helped me to realize that we can always be doing a better job of reaching the next sick and suffering alcoholic. There are times when someone right next door might have just as difficult a time accessing this program as someone in the wilderness of Northern Canada. There are many barriers faced by alcoholics both inside and outside these rooms. Hearing the sharing of ideas from Conference members was amazing and powerful!

As I reflect, pray, and gather my thoughts in these final days before Conference, I ask for guidance in best serving Area 11 and AA as a whole. I am struck time and again with gratitude for the gifts this program has given me and the trust that Area 11 has bestowed upon me as their trusted servant. I will carry this in my heart as I travel to Brooklyn on April 12. I look forward to coming back from

Conference and sharing with you all what transpired there and what decisions were made at the Spring Assembly!

### Winter Issue of Box 4-5-9 is now available!

In this issue:

- Meet 2 new GSO staff members
- Learn more about the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- Take a closer look at budget allocations with the General Service Board Finance Committee Chair

To access this issue of Box 4-5-9, click [here](#).

### Your Feedback is Requested!

The Communications Department at GSO is taking a look at the Box 4-5-9 newsletter and how it can better serve the Fellowship. They are requesting feedback directly from the Fellowship and have put together a brief survey. It takes about 5 minutes to complete, and the answers are completely anonymous (no personal data will be gathered). Please take a few minutes to provide this valuable input!

To complete the survey in English, click [here](#).

To complete the survey in Spanish, click [here](#).

### Grapevine Price Increase- there is still time to get your subscription before the price goes up!

As announced on February 16, there will be a price increase for yearly AA Grapevine subscriptions for the first time in over 12 years. The new price for a yearly subscription will be \$36.00. This price increase goes into effect on April 15, 2024. Please click [here](#) to view the full announcement.

### Call for stories – deadline extended

The deadline for story submissions for the “A.A. for the Native North American Alcoholic” pamphlet has been extended to April 30, 2024. Please click [here](#) for more details.

**Mike R.**

*Please feel free to copy this report and circulate it as needed within A.A. Groups, Districts, and A.A. Service Committees.*

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